

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 8, Budget Resolution, as amended.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 11, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2235–S2437

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 651–665, S. Res. 90–91, and S. Con. Res. 10–11. **Page S2328**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence Covering the Period January 5, 2011 to January 3, 2013”. (S. Rept. No. 113–7)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, One Hundred Twelfth Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 113–8)

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Measures Passed:

Budget Resolution: By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 92), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2235–S2319**

Adopted:

Reid (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 431, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to require equal pay policies and practices. **Page S2252**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 52), Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 439, to amend the deficit-neutral reserve fund for tax relief to provide tax relief for low and middle income families. **Pages S2253–54**

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 54), Reid (for Shaheen/Stabenow) Amendment No. 438, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect women’s access to health care, including primary and preventive health care, family planning and birth control, and employer-provided contraceptive coverage, such as was provided under the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111–148). **Pages S2254–55**

Udall (CO) Amendment No. 239, to provide additional suppression resources to the Forest Service

and the Department of the Interior for the protection of communities, homes, water supplies, utility infrastructure, and natural resources from catastrophic wildfires. **Page S2267**

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 57), Coburn Amendment No. 409, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to sunset the provision of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that increases payments to hospitals in a few States by reducing payments to the majority of States through the Medicare hospital wage index. **Pages S2269–70**

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 61), Hoeven Amendment No. 494, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to promote investment and job growth in United States manufacturing, oil and gas production, and refining sectors through the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. **Page S2272**

By 75 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 62), Enzi Amendment No. 656 (to Durbin Amendment No. 578), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2272–78**

Durbin Amendment No. 578, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure marketplace fairness by allowing States to enforce State and local use tax laws. **Pages S2272–78**

Collins Amendment No. 144, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to restore a sensible definition of full-time employee for purposes of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Pages S2278–79**

Begich Amendment No. 341, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the labeling of genetically engineered fish. **Page S2279**

Merkley Amendment No. 398, to increase investment in high-impact breakthrough clean energy technologies through the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy of the Department of Energy. **Pages S2279–80**

Hagan Amendment No. 278, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the families of United States servicemembers and veterans. **Page S2282**

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 65), Isakson/Shahen Amendment No. 138, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to establishing a biennial budget and appropriations process. **Pages S2282–83**

By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 66), Murray (for Warner) Amendment No. 693, to repeal or reduce the estate tax, but only if done in a fiscally responsible way.

Pages S2284, S2285–86

Murray (for Sanders) Amendment No. 198, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect the benefits of disabled veterans and their survivors, which may not include a chained CPI.

Pages S2283, S2286–87

Murray (for Reed) Amendment No. 482, to provide funding for low-income weatherization and energy efficiency retrofit programs.

Pages S2284, S2287–88

Murray (for Landrieu/Chambliss) Amendment No. 314, to modify the deficit-neutral reserve fund for America's servicemembers and veterans to include leases of major medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pages S2283, S2288

Murray (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 247, to ensure that if the President fails to submit his budget by the deadline set in law the Director of the Office of Management and Budget does not get paid until he submits a budget; and that any savings will reduce the deficit.

Pages S2284, S2288

Murray (for Udall (NM)) Amendment No. 483, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to hardrock mineral royalty and fee reform.

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By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 70), Murray (for Vitter/Brown) Amendment No. 689, to end "Too Big To Fail" Subsidies or Funding Advantage for Wall Street Mega-Banks (over \$500 billion in total assets.)

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Murray (for Tester) Amendment No. 537, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to authorizing children who are eligible to receive health care furnished under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain such eligibility until age 26.

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Murray (for Casey) Amendment No. 442, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for State and local law enforcement.

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Murray (for Cardin) Amendment No. 273, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve oral health care for children with Medicaid coverage.

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Murray (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 366, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to support the transition of servicemembers to the civilian workforce by streamlining the process associated with Federal and State credentialing requirements.

Pages S2292, S2292–93

Murray (for Brown/Blunt) Amendment No. 455, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to establish a national network for manufacturing innovation that leverages private and public sector investments for proven United States based manufacturing industries.

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Murray (for Cardin) Amendment No. 706, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure that

any carbon emissions standards must be cost effective, based on the best available science, and benefit low-income and middle class families.

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Murray (for Menendez) Amendment No. 705, to address the eligibility criteria for certain undocumented immigrant individuals with respect to certain health insurance plans.

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Murray (for Merkley) Amendment No. 696, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to facilitate the criminal prosecutions of financial institutions operating in the United States, regardless of size.

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Murray (for Menendez/Lautenberg) Amendment No. 619, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to helping homeowners and small businesses mitigate against flood loss.

Pages S2296, S2297, S2300

Murray (for Johanns) Amendment No. 624, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to restore families' health care flexibility by repealing the \$2,500 federal cap on flexible spending accounts and the requirement that individuals obtain a prescription from a physician before purchasing over-the-counter drugs with their own flexible spending account or health savings account dollars in order to safeguard families' capacity to plan ahead for the rising cost of care, make their own health care decisions, and ensure children who have special needs can receive adequate care.

Pages S2301, S2302

Murray (for Burr/Casey) Amendment No. 232, to protect the American people and strengthen our national security by fully funding the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and the BioShield Special Reserve Fund.

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Murray (for Wicker) Amendment No. 538, to increase the vote threshold required to waive a budget point of order prohibiting unfunded mandates in excess of limit.

Pages S2301, S2302–03

Murray (for Coburn) Amendment No. 412, to create a deficit-reduction reserve fund that addresses the nonprofit postal discount for State and national political committees.

Pages S2301, S2302, S2303

Murray (for Graham) Amendment No. 329, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to broaden the effects of the sequester, including allowing Members of Congress to donate 20 percent of their salaries to charity or to the Department of the Treasury during sequestration.

Pages S2303, S2304, S2305

Murray (for Heller) Amendment No. 293, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure that the Bureau of Land Management collaborates with States in efforts to promote sustainable sage-grouse populations and the conservation of sage-grouse habitat by developing and approving State plans that prevent the listing of the bird under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and preserve the way of life in, and economic health of, the impacted areas.

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Murray (for Boozman) Amendment No. 527, to establish a deficit-reduction reserve fund to protect private property rights by discouraging eminent domain abuse by State and local governments, while providing for continued economic development assistance eligibility where eminent domain is used for customary purposes, including to acquire property for public use, for public rights of way, to acquire abandoned property, or to remove immediate threats to public health and safety, and to provide that any savings will reduce the deficit. **Pages S2303, S2304**

Murray (for Portman) Amendment No. 153, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to promote exports. **Pages S2303, S2304–06**

By 94 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 80), Murray (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 136, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the prohibition on funding of the Medium Extended Air Defense System. **Pages S2303, S2305, S2306–07**

Shaheen Amendment No. 149, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to increase the capacity of Federal agencies to ensure effective contract management and contract oversight. **Page S2308**

Blumenthal Amendment No. 577, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation to ensure operation of all contract air traffic control towers receiving funding through the contract tower program of the Federal Aviation Administration as of March 20, 2013, and that are located at airports still in service as of the date of the introduction of such legislation. **Page S2308**

Johnson (SD) Amendment No. 593, to establish a scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit. **Page S2308**

Manchin/Rockefeller Amendment No. 316, to address prescription drug abuse in the United States. **Page S2308**

Wyden Amendment No. 394, to ensure that chronic illness is addressed as part of health care improvement. **Page S2308**

Baucus Amendment No. 267, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to support rural schools and districts. **Page S2308**

Hagan/Graham Amendment No. 269, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to strengthen the enforcement of provisions of free trade agreements that relate to textile and apparel articles. **Page S2308**

Franken/Fischer Amendment No. 353, to amend section 308 relating to broadband infrastructure investments in rural areas. **Page S2308**

Cardin Amendment No. 453, to provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund on health care improvement. **Page S2308**

Udall (NM) Amendment No. 192, to modify the deficit-neutral reserve fund for America's servicemembers and veterans to increase access to health care for veterans in rural areas. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Franken/Grassley Amendment No. 479, to provide an additional use for the deficit-neutral reserve fund for higher education. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Baucus Amendment No. 581 (to Amendment No. 578), to exempt remote sales of business inputs. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Casey Amendment No. 265, to prohibit certain revisions of allocations for workforce investment measures that lack program integrity controls for the Job Corps program. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Sanders Amendment No. 594, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the Older Americans Act of 1965, which may include congregate and home-delivered meals programs, or other assistance to low-income seniors. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Wyden/Portman Amendment No. 618, to provide for the enforcement of the trade remedy laws of the United States. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Levin Modified Amendment No. 430, to eliminate abuses of offshore tax used by large corporations. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Manchin Amendment No. 499, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure that abundant domestic energy sources and technologies can meet present and future greenhouse gas emissions rules. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Toomey/Casey Amendment No. 434, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing funding for the inland waterways system. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Coats Amendment No. 195, to require fuller reporting on possible costs to taxpayers of any budget submitted by the President. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Hoeven Amendment No. 319, to provide additional resources to Criminal Investigations and Police Services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Ayotte Amendment No. 161, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for achieving full auditability of the financial statements of the Department of Defense by 2017. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Kirk Amendment No. 671, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to sanctions with respect to Iran. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Murkowski Amendment No. 672, to permit a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide assistance for fishery disasters declared during 2012. **Pages S2308, S2309**

Rubio Amendment No. 623, to express the sense of the Senate on underutilized facilities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and their potential use. **Pages S2308, S2310**

Alexander Amendment No. 348, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to prevent restrictions to public access to fishing downstream of dams owned by the Corps of Engineers. **Pages S2308, S2310**

Boozman/Moran Amendment No. 389, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to address the disproportionate regulatory burdens on community banks. **Pages S2308, S2310**

Heller Amendment No. 477, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to authorize the provision of per diem payments for the provision of services to dependents of homeless veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Hoeven Amendment No. 217, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to support programs related to the programs related to the nuclear missions of the Department of Defense and the National Nuclear Security Administration.

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Enzi/Wyden Amendment No. 489, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to phase-in any changes to the individual or corporate tax systems.

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Hoeven Amendment No. 655, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increases in aid for tribal education programs, including the Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions Program administered by the Department of Education.

Pages S2308, S2311

Murray (for Barrasso) Amendment 184, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to expedite exports from the United States through reform of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 in such a manner that greenhouse gas emissions produced outside the United States by any good exported from the United States are not subject to the requirements of that Act.

Pages S2311, S2314

Murray (for Lee) Amendment No. 521, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting the reauthorization of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program at levels roughly equivalent to property tax revenues lost due to the presence of Federal land.

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By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 89), Murray (for Coburn) Amendment No. 709, to eliminate program duplication, fragmentation, and overlap within the 15 “financial literacy” programs under 13 departments and agencies identified by 2012 report of the Government Accountability Office, entitled “Opportunities to Reduce Duplication, Overlap and Fragmentation, Achieve Savings, and Enhance Revenue”.

Pages S2311, S2317–18

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 90), Murray (for Portman) Amendment No. 154, to require the Congressional Budget Office to include macroeconomic feedback scoring of tax legislation.

Pages S2311, S2313, S2318

Murray (for Leahy) Amendment No. 710, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure that the United States will not negotiate or support treaties that violate Americans’ Second Amendment rights under the Constitution of the United States.

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Murray (for Durbin) Amendment No. 525, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to increase funding for the National Institutes Health.

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By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 91), Murray (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 139, to uphold Second Amendment rights and prevent the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

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Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 50), Reid (for Ayotte/Thune) Amendment No. 158, to prohibit the consideration of a budget resolution that includes revenue increases while the civilian unemployment rate is above 5.5 percent, the administration’s prediction for the unemployment rate without the stimulus.

Pages S2352–53

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 51), Reid (for Cruz) Amendment No. 202, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide for the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 and to encourage patient-centered reforms to improve health outcomes and reduce health care costs, promoting economic growth.

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By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 53), Reid (for Crapo) Amendment No. 222, to establish a deficit neutral reserve fund to repeal the tax increases enacted under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that were imposed on low- and middle-income Americans.

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By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 55), Fischer Amendment No. 630, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect women’s access to health care, including primary and preventive care, in a manner consistent with protecting rights of conscience.

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By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 56), Menendez Amendment No. 651, to call for a comprehensive approach for wage index reform.

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By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 58), Whitehouse Amendment No. 646, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that all revenue from a fee on carbon pollution is returned to the American people.

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By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 60), Boxer Amendment No. 622, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting the interests of the United States in making a decision relating to the Keystone XL pipeline.

Pages S2271–72

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 63), Alexander Amendment No. 515, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to the education of low-income children, which may include allowing funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to follow children from low-income families to the school the children attend.

Pages S2280–81

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 67), Murray (for Thune) Amendment No. 307, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to permanently eliminate the Federal estate tax.

Pages S2283, S2286

By 18 yeas to 81 nays (Vote No. 69), Murray (for Paul) Amendment No. 263, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S2283, S2388

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 71), Murray (for Toomey) Amendment No. 535, to repeal the tax increase on catastrophic medical expenses created by Obamacare.

Pages S2285, S2289–90

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 72), Murray (for Coats) Amendment No. 514, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to enable prompt action relating to the Presidential exemption for the rule of the Environmental Protection Agency commonly known as the Mercury and Air Toxins Standard for affected electric utility steam generating units that need additional time to install the major emissions control equipment, construct replacement generation, or implement other mitigation measures in order to ensure the reliability of the grid.

Pages S2283, S2385, S2290–91

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 73), Murray (for Lee) Amendment No. 373, to provide a point of order against budgets spending more on net interest payments on the debt than on national defense, and to ensure the United States government funds its military at higher levels than the militaries of foreign holders of its debt.

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By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 74), Murray (for Johnson) (WI) Amendment No. 213, to force Congress to ensure the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare programs.

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By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 75), Murray (for Scott/Graham) Amendment No. 597, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the prohibition of taxpayer dollars and resources being used to automatically deduct union dues from the pay of Federal employees.

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By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 76), Murray (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 359, to reduce spending and decrease the risk of drastic energy price increases by prohibiting further greenhouse gas regulations for the purposes of addressing climate change.

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By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 77), Murray (for Sessions) Amendment No. 614, to establish a deficit-reduction reserve fund to achieve savings by prohibiting illegal immigrants or illegal immigrants granted legal status from qualifying for federally subsidized health care.

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Murray (for Roberts) Amendment No. 187, to prohibit the use of funds for promotional or marketing materials promoting the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or its benefits.

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By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 78), Murray (for Portman) Amendment No. 152, to provide reconciliation instructions to reduce the deficit by \$63,860,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

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By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote 79), Murray (for Shelby) Amendment No. 340, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation that requires fi-

nancial regulators to conduct rigorous cost-benefit analyses on all proposed rules.

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By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 81), Crapo Amendment No. 318, to amend the reconciliation instruction to include instructions to the Committee on Finance to achieve the Budget's stated goal of \$275 billion in mandatory health care savings.

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By 26 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 82), Murray (for Paul) Amendment No. 382, to provide funding to the Department of Transportation for interstate bridge infrastructure projects and to reduce the Federal deficit by decreasing the amounts available for foreign assistance and loan guarantee programs administered by the Department of Energy.

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By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 83), Murray (for Vitter) Amendment No. 526, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure election integrity by requiring a valid government-issued photographic ID for voting in federal elections.

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By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 84), Murray (for Vitter) Amendment No. 338, to end the mobile phone welfare program.

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By 25 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 85), Murray (for Cruz) Amendment No. 471, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to reduce foreign assistance to Egypt and increase funding for an east coast missile defense shield.

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By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 86), Murray (for Cruz) Amendment No. 702, to create a point of order against any legislation that would provide taxpayer funds to the United Nations while any member nation forces citizens or residents of that nation to undergo involuntary abortions.

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By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 88), Murray (for Coburn) Amendment No. 416, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to eliminate non-defense related spending by the Department of Defense.

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Withdrawn:

Murray (for Menendez) Amendment No. 606, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide funding for the purposes of embassy or diplomatic security.

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Murray (for Corker) Amendment No. 295, to end a scoring gimmick that allows changes in mandatory program spending that do not save money to offset increased spending.

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Murray (for Flake) Amendment No. 225, to prohibit earmarks.

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Murray (for Coburn) Amendment No. 414, to create a deficit-neutral reserve fund to eliminate tax loopholes and special interest tax breaks for the PGA tour, the NFL, NASCAR, Hollywood, fish tackle box manufacturers, and Eskimo whaling captains.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 59), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to Section 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Blunt/Thune Amendment No. 261, to create a point of order against legislation that would create a Federal tax or fee on carbon emissions. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against the amendment as being in violation of Section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S2370–71**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 64), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Rubio Amendment No. 292, to express the sense of the Senate to enact the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against the amendment as being in violation of Section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S2381–82**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 68), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to Section 904 (c) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Murray (for Burr) Amendment No. 697, to create a point of order against legislation that would raise taxes on veterans. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against the amendment as being in violation of Section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S2387**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 87), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to Section 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Lee/Vitter Amendment No. 673, to create a point of order against legislation that would further restrict the right of law-abiding Americans to own firearms. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against the amendment as being in violation of Section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell.

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Wrestling in the Summer Olympic Games: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 37, expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 11, providing for a conditional adjourn-

ment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S2435**

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Senate's recess, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Friday, April 5, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. **Page S2435**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate, Senators Reed, Levin and Rockefeller be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S2435**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Pages S2435–36**

Pro Formas—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate completes its business, it adjourn, and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.; Friday, March 29, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 10:45 a.m.; and Friday, April 5, 2013 at 3 p.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, April 5, 2013 until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013, unless the Senate receives a message from the House that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 11, adjournment resolution, and that if the Senate receives such a message, Senate adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013. **Page S2436**

Shwartz Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 8, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order. **Page S2434**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Raymond P. Moore, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Troy L. Nunley, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
7 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

32 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2013.

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Text of H.R. 933 as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Forty-three record votes were taken today. (Total—92)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2013 and adjourned at 5:22 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2013, until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. (For Senate's program, See the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2436.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 25, 2013 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

House

No hearings are scheduled.